

PIN OAK



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Acknowledgement of Country

The writers, editors, and designers of Oxley's Pin Oak begin today by acknowledging the Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn and work and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the Oxley community.

NEWSFLASH

Oxley College BYOD Programme

We are excited to announce some big changes to our BYOD programme that will assist the Oxley community moving forward. We have recently partnered with an experienced education reseller, CompNow, to create D % < 2 ' S X U F K D V L Q J S R U W D O V S H F L ç F D O O \ I R U encourage new and existing families to purchase their devices through this portal. We have selected a range of devices that meet and exceed the V S H F L ç F D W L R Q V U H T X L U H G D Q G D U H E X Q G O H G optional warranty and accidental damage, loss or theft protection.

Families may still choose to purchase a laptop from an alternate retailer R U X V H D F X U U H Q W O \ R Z Q H G G H Y L F H W K D W I X V S H F L ç F D W L R Q V K R Z H Y H U W K H V F K R R O F D Q services to devices purchased outside of the Oxley BYOD Purchasing Portal.

In addition to the BYOD purchasing portal, an updated BYOD Overview can be found on the school website – www.oxley.nsw.edu.au/learning/e-learning as well as a short video that explains the programme. Some main points to highlight to families are the importance of a suitable and U H O L D E O H G H Y L F H : H K D Y H S U R Y L G H G D P L Q L F programme that families must adhere to.

We recommend that devices should be no more than four years old, even L I W K H \ P H H W W K H P L Q L P X P U H T X L U H P H Q W V : H with older devices struggle to use software or have enough charge to go W K U R X J K W K H G D \ 7 K L V F D Q K D Y H D V L J Q L ç F D learning in the classroom. Students should be coming to school with a fully charged device every day.

It is also the responsibility of students to ensure their device is updated with the most current operating systems. A hardcase and bag are also strongly encouraged for these devices and should be used when moving around the school. If you are considering a new device, we do recommend purchasing sooner rather than later to ensure stock availability for the start of 2023.

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Student participation fosters school pride, friendship, a healthy lifestyle, and the valuable lessons of being in a team. Lessons include resilience development, collaboration skills, reliability, support and not letting your team mates down. Thank you to parents who made sure students met their team commitments (training and games). Thank you for the often-complicated taxi services. Thank you to the parents who helped with coaching or managing, supporting, umpiring or catering.

HSC Music and Drama Nights

Following the completion of the HSC Trial Examinations, our

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Term 3. Whilst the past two years of COVID have severely

HEAD OF HISTORY

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Almost every teacher secretly believes that their subject is the most important. It is hard to avoid that feeling when you spend your life studying a discipline, and your job involves encouraging others to feel as passionate about it as you do. It is like self-imposed Stockholm Syndrome.

2EYLRXVO\ DOO VXEMHFWV KDYH VRPHWKLQJ XVHIXO WR R ä HU HVSHFLDOO\ that they can call on throughout their life. But if you are not planning to become a historian, what can the study of the past contribute to your future?

As someone who has studied History seriously for over twenty years now, there are a lot of things that I could say in UHVSQRVH WR WKDW TXHVWLRQ ,Q WKH LQWHUHVW RI SUHVHUYLQJ RXU FRO that grabbed my attention as it highlighted perhaps one of the most important reasons to study History.

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+LVWRU\ EX ä V DQG ODZ\HUV SUREDEO\ MXVW IHOW D VKLYHU GRZQ WKHLU VS sexual assault, or marriage law, you have heard of Matthew Hale. If you have not, you are probably wondering why

JUNIOR GALLERY



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Bianchi is the world's oldest bicycle manufacturing company in existence, known for its distinctive Celeste colour, superb design and world class engineering.

Set in the Taisho period in Japan, Demon Slayer tells the tragic tale of charcoal seller Tanjiro Kamado who lives peacefully with his poor but happy family... until one day, disaster strikes. His entire family are killed by a bloodthirsty demon! All except his little sister Nezuko, who has been turned into a demon herself!

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Tanjiro joins the Demon Slayer corps and travels with cowardly but lightning fast Zenitsu and fearless
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Demon Slayer is the best manga series. Better than One Piece, Attack on Titan and Avatar put together. The storyline is of epic proportions and the characters are awesome! And unlike many other anime, the

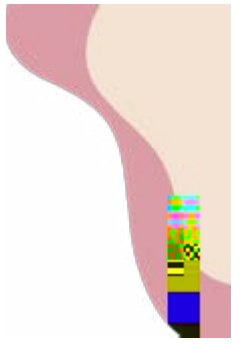
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it a fun read for any teenager. This manga series is a bit bloody and violent, so it's best read when you are over 13. Aside from that, the characters
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grant them the strength to kill Demons. Extremely powerful Demons, however, use Blood Demon Art, which creates violent challenges for our courageous slayers. This will not stop Tanjiro however, as he and his friends travel Japan to stop the slaughter of innocents, and possibly to save the world itself. Greatness awaits in this epic Manga series!

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SENIOR GALLERY





NEWSFLASH

GRAND FINAL RESULTS!!

& RQJUDWXODWLRQV WR WKH ,6\$ WHDPV ZKR SOD\HG LQ WKH ¿QDOV RYHU WKH past two weeks. The results are now in for the Grand Finals held last Saturday, and we would like to congratulate all that were involved.

)LUVW Rã 1HWEDOO 7KH ,QWHU % 1HWEDOO WHDP, coached by Mrs Pike, ZHUH YLFWRULRXV LQ WKHLU ¿QDO DJDLQVW 6W 6S\ULGRQ¶V ZLQQLQJ ,W was a hard-fought season says Mrs Pike, with the team proving to be a "wonderful mix of fun, tenacious, hard-working and disciplined young ladies".

The -XQLRU &¶V 1HWEDOO WHDP, coached by Mr Bentham, played their ¿UVW HYHU ¿QDOV JDPH DJDLQVW &KHYDOLHU &ROOHJH IRU WKH WKLUG WLPH W season, also only having two losses against their name all season. :LWK RYHUDZHG QHUYHV RI WKHLU ¿UVW ¿QDO WKH\ SOD\HG KDUG ULJKW WKURXJK WR WKH ¿QDO ZKLVWOH EXW XQIRUWXQDWHO\ ZHQW GRZQ WR WKH WHD 24-15. Mr Bentham says, "They learnt some valuable lessons from this experience, and it was a fabulous season overall". Well done girls!

The -XQLRU %¶V 1HWEDOO WHDP, coached by Ms McVean, had a strong, GRPLQDWLYH VHDVHQ 7KH\ SOD\HG D VWURQJ ¿QDO FRPLQJ GRZQ WR WKH ¿QDO PLQXWHV ZKHUH WKH\ ORVW E\ RQH JRDO WR 6\$&6 ZLWK WKH ¿QDO VFRUH EHLQJ :HOO GRQH JLUOV

Next, was the VW *LUOV)RRWEDOO WHDP, coached by Lisa Fressard (EC). With only one loss to their name all season, the girls made their ZD\ WR WKH ¿QDOV EHLQJ RQH RI WKH VWURQJHV WHDPV LQ WKH GLYLVLRQ 7KH ¿QDO VFRUH RI WKH JDPH ZDV YHU\ FORVH ZLWK 6\$&6 SURYLRQ victorious. However, the Oxley girls played a fantastic game, with a team member mentioning that the main highlight was Katie Ayling's talents proving well throughout the entire game, especially her goal attempt that crossed the line however, then shockingly spinning out. Well done, Katie. A big congratulations to the girls overall on a hard-fought season, and a special well done to the Year 12 girls who played their last game of sport for the College.

The 2[OH\ VWV 7HQQLV, coached by Mr Lee, had a successful and hard-fought day in the rainy weather against Oakhill. The team played with great strength, with the results being close throughout the whole day. Oxley came away victorious at the end of the day, with the last matches determining the win of 5-3. Well done.

The 2[OH\ 7HQQLV, coached by Mr Turnock, had a well-played season, reaching the Grand Finals as an undefeated team. they went up against the other undefeated team, St Augustine's college, however after a strong fought game falling short to the stronger team 2/32 to 6/42. Well done on a hard-fought season!

The \$ %R\)RRWEDOO WHDP, coached by Mr Houghton, proved to be the strongest team in the division, coming away with a strong win of 5-2 against Chevalier, staying undefeated throughout the entire season.

The V %R\)RRWEDOO WHDP, coached by Tom Dunn (EC), with only RQH ORVV GXULQJ WKH ZKROH VHDVHQ SURYHG YLFWRULRXV DJDLQVW 5HG¿HOO &ROOHJH ZLWK WKH ¿QDO VFRUH EHLQJ

The 2[OH\ +RFNH\ WHDP FRDFKHG E\ 0UV &XSLWW KDG D VWURQJ ¿UVW season of hockey, with only one loss all season. Although a strong came was played, they fell to the victorious Chevalier College 8-0.

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WORK Experience

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One summer holiday I had a job working in an abattoir! Being such disgusting place to work, the pay was better than average, but the conditions were not. My jobs were wide and varied and luckily they would change at lunch to an alternate smell or type of RSI. Good jobs included chopping up congealed blood so it would
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spinal cord out of pigs. The less pleasurable ones included cutting 400 pairs of kidneys out of sheep per hour or working in the 'gut room'

If you get a nice clean job in a supermarket or shop don't complain!!

One holiday I got a job working for the parents of a friend analysing the advertising rate for a the World
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Work Experience is a new anonymous student voice column in the Pin Oak, for kids to pass on funny stories and cautionary tales from their part time jobs. Please contact Violet FitzSimons to submit your story.